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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

CREIGHTON TAKATA, Individually and on	:	
behalf of all others similarly situated,	:	Civil No. 3:18-CV-02293(FLW)(TJB)
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	[PROPOSED] ORDER APPOINTING
	:	LEAD PLAINTIFF AND APPROVING
	:	SELECTION OF COUNSEL
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RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. F/K/A,	:	
BIOPTIX, INC., JOHN O'ROURKE, and	:	
JEFFREY G. MCGONEGAL,	:	
	:	
Defendants.	:	

WHEREAS, the Court has considered the competing motions for Appointment of Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Lead Counsel,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

I. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND LEAD COUNSEL

1. Having reviewed all pending Motions and accompanying Memoranda of Law, the Court hereby appoints Pao Kue as Lead Plaintiff in the Consolidated Action. Pao Kue satisfies the requirements for Lead Plaintiff pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(iii) of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA").

2. Lead Plaintiff, pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(v) of the PSLRA, has selected and retained Milberg Tadler Phillips Grossman LLP and Gibbs Law Group LLP as Lead Counsel

and The Gough Law Firm as Liaison Counsel for the Class. The Court hereby approves those selections.

3. Lead Counsel shall have the following responsibilities and duties, to be carried out either personally or through counsel whom Lead Counsel shall designate:

- (a) to coordinate the briefing and argument of motions;
- (b) to coordinate the conduct of discovery proceedings;
- (c) to coordinate the examination of witnesses in depositions;
- (d) to coordinate the selection of counsel to act as a spokesperson at pretrial conferences;
- (e) to call meetings of the plaintiffs' counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate from time to time;
- (f) to coordinate all settlement negotiations with counsel for defendants;
- (g) to coordinate and direct the pretrial discovery proceedings and the preparation for trial and the trial of this matter and to delegate work responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required; and
- (h) to supervise any other matters concerning the prosecution, resolution or settlement of the Action.

4. No motion, request for discovery, or other pretrial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs without the approval of Lead Counsel, so as to prevent duplicative pleadings or discovery by plaintiffs. No settlement negotiations shall be conducted without the approval of Lead Counsel.

5. Counsel in any related action that is consolidated with this Action shall be bound by this organization of plaintiffs' counsel.

6. Lead Counsel shall have the responsibility of receiving and disseminating Court orders and notices.

7. Lead Counsel shall be the contact between plaintiffs' counsel, and shall direct and coordinate the activities of plaintiffs' counsel.

8. Defendants shall effect service of papers on plaintiffs by serving a copy of same on Lead Counsel by overnight mail service, electronic or hand delivery. Plaintiffs shall effect service of papers on defendants by serving a copy of same on defendants' counsel by overnight mail service, electronic or hand delivery.

9. During the pendency of this litigation, or until further order of this Court, the parties shall take reasonable steps to preserve all documents within their possession, custody, or control, including computer-generated and stored information, and materials such as computerized data and electronic mail, containing information which is relevant or which may lead to the discovery of information relevant to the subject matter of the pending litigation.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April_____, 2018

Freda L. Wolfson, U.S.D.J.